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**From:** Chen, Isaac  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 21, 2018 8:19 AM  
**To:** Rymer, Edwina  
**Subject:** FW: FW: EPA initial preparations for re-issuance of NPDES General Permit GMG290000

**From:** O'Reilly, Erin [mailto:erin.o'reilly@boem.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 3:15 PM  
**To:** Chen, Isaac <Chen.Isaac@epa.gov>; Larsen, Brent <Larsen.Brent@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: EPA initial preparations for re-issuance of NPDES General Permit GMG290000

Hi. Rob Lawrence suggested I reach out to you all at this time regarding your permit renewal. If you all wish to have a meeting or chat sometime, please let me know. I went to Region 4 for the OOC presentation on well completions in the Gulf of Mexico. I also had OOC give that presentation at the BOEM/BSEE offices. You all might ask them to do the same for you, if you were not able to call in to the Region 4 presentation. They did post the presentation on their (the OOC) website and added a slide with all the relevant completion vessels (per our request) if you all are interested. Region 4 also mentioned a study with their renewal and that they were talking with you all to make that uniform. They offered to keep communicating with me as I am working on getting an update of the MMS Boehm et al. Chemical Products Inventory study (the study consists of more than the name implies). The information collected by EPA could inform a small part of that broader study if we are lucky.

I also shared some NOAA contacts with Scott Wilson. I think he already knew at least one of them. So, hopefully you all are in the loop about the Flower Gardens Bank extension. You already have good language in your permit on that, but the extension could create the need for some folks to be grandfathered in. You would also have to update your NOI and DMR software to note those blocks most likely.

I know our NEPA team already reached out about you all being a cooperative agency on our EIS.

Any way, if you have some discussions with OOC or would like to just meet with BOEM or BOEM and BSEE, please let me know. I know there have been a few times where I have written Isaac to seek some clarification so I would appreciate it if you all could consider if there is a way to get further clarification on any of those small items when the permit is renewed.

Many thanks,

Erin

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**From:** Christopher, Joseph <joseph.christopher@boem.gov>  
**Date:** Thu, Aug 27, 2015 at 2:35 PM  
**Subject:** Re: FW: EPA initial preparations for re-issuance of NPDES General Permit GMG290000  
**To:** "Lawrence, Rob" <Lawrence.Rob@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Margaret Metcalf <margaret.metcalf@boem.gov>, Erin O'Reilly <erin.o'reilly@boem.gov>, Barry Obiol <Barry.Obiol@boem.gov>

Rob,

Nick Wetzel did retire last year. Your best contact point in this office is Erin O'Reilly. Erin often interacts with Scott Wilson in EPA HQ and Issac Chen in EPA Region 6 regarding NPDES matters. Erin's phone number is (504) 736-1759.

Thanks for contacting me. The NPDES General Permit for oil and gas operations is obviously very important to this office.

Thanks,  
Joe

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On Thu, Aug 27, 2015 at 11:15 AM, Lawrence, Rob <[Lawrence.Rob@epa.gov](mailto:Lawrence.Rob@epa.gov)> wrote:

Joe – I had sent this message to Nick, but his email was bounced back. Did he retire? Who should be work with regarding the re-issuance of our NPDES general permit, which expires in 2017 (as I recall).

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**From:** Lawrence, Rob

**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 10:58 AM

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**Cc:** Larsen, Brent; Chen, Isaac; Gillespie, David; Arnold, Tina

**Subject:** EPA initial preparations for re-issuance of NPDES General Permit GMG290000

Jim – as EPA Region 6 starts the process to renew the NPDES General Permit for oil & gas operations in the western and central areas of the Gulf of Mexico, we want to reach out to the Offshore Operators Committee and others. If you think that a meeting at this point would be productive, we would be glad to set aside the time.

Please contact Isaac ([chen.isaac@epa.gov](mailto:chen.isaac@epa.gov) or 214.665.7364) or Brent ([Larsen.brent@epa.gov](mailto:Larsen.brent@epa.gov) or 214.665.7523) with dates and times that would be available for you and your organization to come to Dallas for a preliminary discussion.

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